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The Honorable Tom Campbell  
Select Committee on Environmental Health Committee Chair  
Washington State House of Representatives  
Post Office Box 40600  
Olympia, Washington 98504-0600

Dear Dr. Campbell:

I am writing as chair of the Washington State Board of Health to let you know of the Board's support for HB 1024 and its companion bill in the Senate (SB 5034) requested by the Department of Ecology. HB 1024, which is scheduled to be heard before the House Select Committee on Environmental Health on January 9, relates to phasing out the use of polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE). The Board recognizes that these compounds are building up in humans and have the potential for impacting developing brains. The Board has a policy of supporting Department of Ecology's efforts to control persistent and bioaccumulative toxic substances. Therefore, the Board supports efforts to reduce the use of PBDE in consumer products if safer alternatives are available.

Thank you for your interest in this public health issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Shelton".

Mike Shelton  
Acting Chair, Washington State Board of Health

cc: House Select Committee on Environmental Health Members  
Ross Hunter, Washington State House of Representatives  
Washington State Board of Health Members  
Ms. Christina Hulet, Governor's Executive Policy Office  
Ms. Janice Adair, Department of Ecology  
Mr. Brian Peyton, Department of Health  
Mr. Craig McLaughlin, Washington State Board of Health